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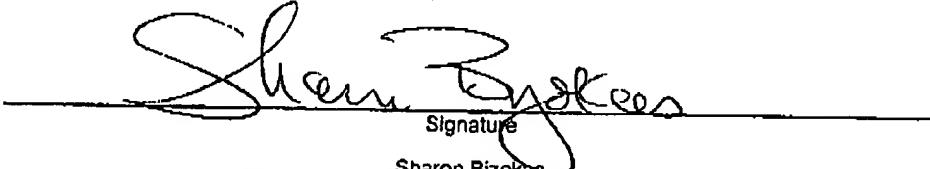
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In re Patent Application of:
Shuji Hinuma et al.

Application No.: 09/038,572

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Filed: March 11, 1998

Art Unit: 1654

For: G PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR
PROTEIN, PRODUCTION AND USE
THEREOF

Examiner: A. Gupta

PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

MS Petition
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions and requests that the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application be withdrawn.

The above-identified application became abandoned for allegedly failing to timely file a Response to Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated October 26, 1999. However, after receiving the Notice to Comply, Applicants' attorney spoke to Examiner Gupta and determined that a Request to Transfer the sequence listing from the parent application was previously filed. Examiner Gupta indicated that an Office Action on the Merits would be issued.

The Notice to Comply was sent after a Restriction Requirement was issued by the Patent Office and after Applicants responded to the Restriction Requirement.

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After receiving the Notice to Comply, Applicant's attorney David Conlin spoke with Examiner Gupta on November 15, 1999 and indicated that a request to use the sequence listing from the parent application was filed along with the filing of the above-identified application. During this conversation, Examiner Gupta indicated that he found the request to use the sequence listing in the parent application and, therefore, an Office Action on the merits would issue in due course. Mr. Conlin also sent Examiner Gupta a duplicate copy of this request on November 15, 1999 (a copy of which is enclosed as Exhibit A). An Office Action was never issued.

From the history available on PAIR it appears that the case was sent back to Examiner Gupta after the telephone conference with Mr. Conlin (on 12/28/1999) (see print-out of file history from PAIR attached hereto as Exhibit B). The PAIR file history indicates that this application was docketed to the Examiner twice: once on December 28, 1999 and again on October 4, 2002. The Examiner did not issue an Office Action on either of these occasions.

Nearly four years after the telephone conference with David Conlin, on September 30, 2003, the case was indicated as abandoned for failing to respond to the Notice to Comply. Applicants never received a copy of the Notice of Abandonment despite the indication in PAIR that one was sent.

RELIEF REQUESTED

Because the sequence listing was in compliance with the Rules, and a response to the Restriction Requirement was filed, Applicants hereby request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment and the prompt issuance of an Office Action.

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FEE REQUIRED

No fee is required. The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any fee that may be required to Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Dated: February 22, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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November 15, 1999

Via Facsimile

Anish Gupta
Patent Examiner
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Re: U.S. Application Serial No. 09/038,572
Filed: March 11, 1998
Our Ref.: 1550-45753-DJV

Dear Examiner Gupta:

As per our telephone conversation of earlier today, enclosed please find a copy of the request to transfer the paper and computer readable form of the sequence listing from the parent application (USSN 08/513,974 filed on September 14, 1995) to the above-referenced divisional application (USSN 09/038,572 filed on March 11, 1998). The request was filed on March 11, 1998 concurrently with the filing of the divisional application.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions, or if we can be of any assistance.

Best regards,

Jennifer K. Holmes
David G. Conlin

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APPLICANT: K. Nakao, et al.

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SERIAL NO.: not yet assigned

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

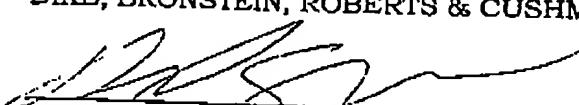
TRANSFER OF SEQUENCE LISTING

The computer readable form in this application is identical with that filed in U.S.S.N. 08/513,974, filed September 14, 1995. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e), please use the computer readable form filed September 16, 1997, in that application as the computer readable form for the instant application. It is understood that the Patent and Trademark Office will make the necessary change in application number and filing date for the computer readable form that will be used for the instant application. A paper copy of the Sequence Listing is included in the originally-filed specification of the instant application.

In accordance with 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825, I hereby state that the content of the paper, computer-readable copies of the sequence listing submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §1.821(c) and (e) on September 16, 1997, respectively, are the same. I hereby state that the submission, filed in accordance with 37 CFR §1.821(g), does not introduce new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

DIKE, BRONSTEIN, ROBERTS & CUSHMAN, LLP

Date: 11-3-98

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Exhibit B



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Filing or 371(c) Date:	03-11-1998	Status:	Abandoned – Failure to Respond to an Office /
Application Type:	Utility	Status Date:	09-30-2003
Examiner Name:	GUPTA, ANISH	Location:	FILE REPOSITORY (FRANCONIA)
Group Art Unit:	1654	Location Date:	10-30-2003
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Attorney Docket Number:	45753-DIV	Earliest Publication Date:	-
Class/ Sub-Class:	530/324	Patent Number:	-
First Named Inventor:	SHUJI HINUMA, TSUKUBA-SHI, (JP)	Issue Date of Patent:	-
Title Of Invention:	G PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTOR PROTEIN, PRODUCTION, A USE THEREOF		

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04-20-2004	Correspondence Address Change
09-30-2003	Mail Abandonment for Failure to Respond to Office Action
09-30-2003	Abandonment for Failure to Respond to Office Action
10-04-2002	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
12-20-1999	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Filed
12-28-1999	Case Docketed to Examiner in GAU
10-26-1999	Mail Incomplete Response to Sequence Rule Request
10-25-1999	Incomplete Response to Sequence Rule Request
08-10-1999	Date Forwarded to Examiner
08-05-1999	Response to Election / Restriction Filed
06-28-1999	Mail Restriction Requirement
06-28-1999	Requirement for Restriction / Election
03-11-1998	Miscellaneous Incoming Letter

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03-24-1998	IFW Scan & PACR Auto Security Review
03-16-1998	Initial Exam Team nn

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